

**Minutes (Draft)**  
Weber State University  
Board of Trustees  
March 15, 2016

**Trustee Members:**

Ms. Louenda Downs  
Ms. Heather Hales  
Mr. Nolan Karras  
Mr. Cash Knight  
Mr. Scott Parson  
Mr. Steve Starks  
Dr. Jeff Stephens  
Mr. Kevin Sullivan (Vice Chair)

**Excused:**

Mr. Alan Hall (Chair)  
Ms. Karen Fairbanks

**Weber State University Officials:**

Dr. Madonne Miner, Provost  
Dr. Norm Tarbox, VP for Administrative Services  
Dr. Brad Mortensen, VP for University Advancement  
Dr. Bret Ellis, VP for Information Technology  
Mr. Mark Halverson, Director of Campus Planning and Construction  
Dr. Eric Amsel, Associate Provost, Academic Programs and Assessment  
Mr. Shane Farver, Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Mr. John Kowalewski, Executive Director, Marketing & Communications  
Ms. Jennifer Unguren, Chair, Staff Advisory Council

**Press Present:**

Becky Wright, Standard-Examiner

Welcome

Feb. 2, 2016, Meeting  
Minutes

President's Report

(NCAA Tournament)

(Supply Chain  
Management)

(Jeff "Smitty" Smith)

(Jim Christian)

(Sonora Grill)

(Steve Starks)

(Brady Presidential  
Distinguished Professors)

- 1) The meeting convened at 9:40 a.m.
- 2) Vice Chair Kevin Sullivan, filling in for Chair Alan Hall, took roll and welcomed those present.
- 3) On a motion from Scott Parson seconded by Jeff Stephens, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved and ratified minutes from the Feb. 2, 2016, meeting.
- 4) Provost Madonne Miner, filling in for WSU President Charles A. Wight, gave a report covering the following items:
  - 1) The men's basketball team will be headed to the NCAA Tournament after winning the Big Sky Tournament. The team was scheduled to face Xavier on Friday, March 18. The women's team also had a great season.
  - 2) Students in the Supply Chain Management program participated in a competition in which they had to solve a supply chain case. WSU's team did particularly well.
  - 3) WSU has lost Jeff "Smitty" Smith, WSU's longtime golf coach, to cancer. "Smitty" made friendships and connections across the university.
  - 4) Jim Christian, WSU's musical theatre director, is retiring. Christian did much to recruit theatre students to WSU and raise the bar on the university's theatre productions.
  - 5) The Sonora Grill recently held its annual fundraiser in which it donates one day's food sales to WSU scholarships.
  - 6) WSU trustee and alumnus Steve Starks has been named the incoming president of the Utah Jazz.
  - 7) Zoology professor John Mull and Paul Schvaneveldt, child and family studies professor, have been named the Brady Presidential Distinguished Professors for 2016.

(Lindquist Award)

8) Azenett Garza and Becky Jo Gesteland have been named recipients of the John A. Lindquist Award, which recognizes faculty members who have been especially engaged in community service.

(President Wight)

9) President Charles A. Wight was recognized by the Utah Governor's Human Rights Commission for his commitment to King's life's work.

WSUSA President's Report

5) Cash Knight, WSU student body president, gave a report on the following items:

(Service)

1) One hundred forty-five students participated in the American Red Cross blood drive at WSU, and 100 students acted as volunteers for service efforts. Students also took part in an alternative spring break in Hawaii.

(Clubs & Organizations)

2) Students have been preparing for the Carnival of Dreams celebration on campus. All funding for clubs has been allocated.

(Leadership)

3) Project Lead, which featured Wight, Ogden Mayor Mike Caldwell and speaker Chad Hymas, was a big success.

(Davis)

4) WSU Davis held a salsa night in which instructors taught students how to dance.

(Diversity)

5) Taboo Talks has done excellent work in having important discussions about contentious subjects. Topics have included racism, gun control, sexual orientation and polyamorous relationships.

(Activities)

6) Weber's Got Talent is coming up. There have been recent changes to the Shepherd Union Building's billiard area, which can now serve as event space. A Big Sky Tournament Watch Party will take place on Friday, March 18.

(Other)

7) The WSUSA was pleased to award the Sonora Grill with the Purple Award. Executive student body elections are underway, and the new student

## Alumni President's Report

(Service)

(Memberships)

(Activities)

(Affinity Partnership)

Honorary Degree  
Recipients

## ACTION

Committee Reports  
Business Committee

(Quarterly Investment  
Report)

body president elect will meet trustees at the May meeting. The WSUSA and Development Director Kyle Braithwaite have created a Student Philanthropy Board that encourages students to donate through the Cat 2 Cat program.

6) Heather Hales, president of the WSU Alumni Association, reported on the following items:

- 1) The Student Alumni Association and Emeriti Alumni Council participated in service projects.
- 2) Alumni Association memberships are up (69 new) and so are license plate sales.
- 3) Wight joined the Alumni Association for dinner and a showing of "Nice Work if You Can Get It," directed by Jim Christian. The Alumni Association also hosted a basketball watch party with more than 80 people in attendance. The association plans to host other watch parties in the future.
- 4) The WSUAA reached a new affinity partnership with the Weber State Credit Union, which will create program-funding opportunities and co-branding.

7) Sullivan brought forth a recommendation to approve honorary degrees for David Hall (commencement speaker), George Hall, Kathryn Lindquist and Vickie McCall.

On a motion from Louenda Downs seconded by Scott Parson, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the four honorary degree recipients and commencement speaker for spring 2016.

8) Business Committee Chair Scott Parson gave the following report:

- 1) The Quarterly Investment Report was submitted to the Board of Trustees for review and approval.

**ACTION**

(FY '17 Student Fees  
Budget)

**ACTION**

(FY '17 Tuition and Fee  
Schedule)

**ACTION**

Draft Campus Master Plan

Personnel & Academic  
Policy Committee

(Sabbatical Leave  
Requests)

**ACTION**

Upon a motion from Steve Starks seconded by Jeff Stephens, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the Quarterly Investment Report.

- 2) The Student Fee Recommendation Committee (SFRC) recommended allocations for the 2017 fiscal year. The recommendation necessitated a 3.2 percent increase in student fees for that year.

Upon a motion from Cash Knight seconded by Starks, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the student fees budget for the FY '17.

- 3) The Business Committee recommends a 3.5 percent increase in tuition that aligns with a proposed Tier 1 increase from the Board of Regents. In addition, master's degrees in computer science and respiratory therapy, as well as the Master of Science: Family Nurse Practitioner degree, should match the Master of English tuition differential schedule.

Upon a motion from Louenda Downs seconded by Steve Starks, the Board of Trustees unanimously pre-approved the proposed Tier 1 increase, which was expected to be established during the next Board of Regents meeting.

- 4) Mark Halverson, incoming associate vice president of Facilities Management, gave a draft report on the campus master plan. The plan encompassed campuses in Weber and Davis Counties. Trustees discussed unique ways to use existing community space for the benefit of the university.

IX. Sullivan, chair of the Personnel & Academic Policy Committee, gave the following report:

- 1) The committee brought back 2016-17 sabbatical leave requests first brought to the February 2016 meeting.

Following a motion from Sullivan seconded by

PPM 3-69: Education and Training of Personnel

**ACTION**

(Program Proposal: Associate of Arts with Art Pre-Major)

**ACTION**

(Program Proposals: AAS Controls Technology, Supply Chain Management Minor, Architectural Engineering Tech Minor)

**ACTION**

Program Reviews

Nolan Karras, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved all submitted sabbatical leave requests for the 2016-17 academic year.

- 2) The committee recommended approval of Policy & Procedures Manual entry 3-69, which stipulates that staff and faculty are expected to complete ongoing training requirements and supervisors are expected to facilitate training.

Upon a motion from Louenda Downs, seconded by Cash Knight, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the adoption of PPM 3-69.

- 3) The committee recommended the establishment of a proposed program that enables a student pursuing an art major to earn an associate's degree upon the completion of necessary requirements.

Upon a motion from Heather Hales seconded by Downs, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the creation of the program.

- 4) Sullivan requested board approval of three program proposals: AAS in Controls Technology, Supply Chain Management Minor and Architectural Engineering Tech. Minor. He noted that there was a change in the Controls Technology proposal, which changed ATC-earned credit from 22 to 25 hours.

Upon a motion from Jeff Stephens seconded by Louenda Downs, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the three program proposals, which will go to the Utah State Board of Regents for final approval.

- 5) The committee recommended that the following program reviews be approved:
  - Electronics Engineering Technology
  - Foreign Languages and Literature
  - Health Services Administration
  - Honors Program
  - MA-English

- Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Manufacturing Engineering Technology
- Master of Professional Communication
- MS-Nursing
- Foulger School of Music
- Theatre

## **ACTION**

Upon a motion from Louenda Downs seconded by Cash Knight, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the aforementioned program reviews, which will go to the Board of Regents for final approval. An additional program review, Design Engineering Technology, will return to the Board of Trustees for further consideration.

Other

- X. Trustees discussed uses for WSU Farmington Station.

Meeting Adjourned

- XI. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Draft

Draft